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| For: MICROPARTICLES FOR PULMONARY ADMINISTRATION |))) |
| Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231 Sir: | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following new paragraph:

--This is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 based on international application PCT/FR00/02282, filed August 9, 2000, and claims priority benefit of French Patent Application FR 00/10,411, filed August 11, 1999, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

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